

## A CITY IN TROUBLE.

Toledo is Unable to Dispose of a Lot of Natural Gas Bonds.

## THE STANDARD IS TO BLAME.

A Scarcity of the Favorite Fuel Reported From Uniontown.

## ALL THE NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

## SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

**TOLLEDO, October 9.**—To-day was the time for opening bids for Toledo's issue of \$675,000 worth of natural gas bonds. At 7 o'clock the committee on Ways and Means of the Common Council met and received no bids for the bonds, except a few of some local subscribers, who raised \$100,000, chiefly among interested parties, to take that much of the issue. After a hot discussion the award was made, but there will be no delivery until boards of the Common Council have endorsed the action of the committee.

The proposed city pipe line cannot be built this winter, as outside capitalists appear to be afraid of the bonds and the \$100,000 is needed to pay outstanding obligations and to protect the city's gas territory. The bonds have been advertised twice, and now the \$75,000 will have to be re-advertised. The \$100,000 bond was raised largely from people interested in the scheme. The cause of the failure to receive bids is attributed to the machinations of the Standard Oil Company.

## A PARALYTIC HANGS HIMSELF.

## Suicide of James McFarlan, a Respected Citizen of East Brandywine.

**DOWNTOWN, October 9.**—James McFarlan, aged 74, a citizen of East Brandywine, Pennsylvania, committed suicide this morning by hanging. For some time Mr. McFarlan has been in ill-health, having had a stroke of paralysis about one year ago. At an early hour this morning he appeared to be cheerful and in his right mind. His son, who was with him, found him hanging from a beam in his room about 7 A. M. He was horrified to find his father hanging dead from the foot of his bed. The body was found by the son, who was with him, and he was taken to the hospital. The cause of the suicide is being investigated.

## CLERGYMEN IN SESSION.

## Meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States.

**CARLETON, October 8.**—The Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States convened its 104th annual session in the Reformed Church of Carleton today. The first business was the election of officers: President, Rev. S. M. Miller, Booneville, Md.; Vice President, Rev. J. H. Miller, Booneville, Md.; Secretary, Rev. B. J. Musser, Huntington, Pa.

## NATURAL GAS SHORT.

## Uniontown Obligated to Shut Off the Lights to Keep Warm.

**UNIONTOWN, October 9.**—A shortage of gas prevails here to-day, and the city is obliged to shut off the lights to keep warm. The shortage is due to the fact that the gas companies are unable to supply the demand. The city is obliged to shut off the lights to keep warm.

## CAVING IN OF A MINE.

## A Scarcity of Paraffin Oil and Several Dwellings Damaged.

**SCRANTON, October 8.**—A mine cave in the Scranton area has caused a scarcity of paraffin oil and several dwellings have been damaged. The cave in occurred in the Scranton area, causing a shortage of paraffin oil and damage to several dwellings.

## COLORED METHODISTS.

## The Opening Session of the Pittsburgh A. M. E. Annual Conference.

**BROWNSTOWN, October 8.**—The twenty-second annual session of the Pittsburgh A. M. E. Conference convened in the A. M. E. Church at 10 A. M. to-day. There were about 40 ministers present, and the session was opened by Presiding Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., L. L. D. The day was occupied in appointing committees and other business, preparatory to the regular work of the conference.

## A Little Money at Johnston.

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## THE STRIKE A FAILURE.

## Employees of the Bell Telephone Works Throw Up the Sponges.

**BELLFLORE, Oct. 9.**—The 350 teleworkers of the Bell Telephone Works, who went on a strike three weeks ago because the management refused to discharge three members who were not members of the Amalgamated Association, have thrown up the sponges and returned to work. The strike has failed.

## A Protest Against Higher Rates.

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**JOHNSTOWN, October 9.**—There will be a meeting of the Johnstown Electric Light and Power Company at 8 o'clock to-day to discuss the proposed increase in rates. The meeting is being held to protest against the proposed increase in rates.

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**LEAVERTOWN, October 9.**—Wagner's beer brewing establishment was completely destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$40,000. The fire broke out in the morning, completely destroying the establishment.

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